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## Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study  
 $T = 292$  K  
Mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.003$  Å  
 $R$  factor = 0.037  
 $wR$  factor = 0.120  
Data-to-parameter ratio = 14.3For details of how these key indicators were  
automatically derived from the article, see  
<http://journals.iucr.org/e>.Diaquabis(ethylenediamine- $\kappa^2N,N'$ )copper(II)  
bis(4-aminonaphthalene-1-sulfonate) dihydrate

In the title compound,  $[\text{Cu}(\text{C}_2\text{H}_8\text{N}_2)_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2](\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_8\text{NO}_3\text{S})_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , the  $\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}$  complex cation, located on an inversion centre, has a distorted octahedral coordination geometry formed by two ethylenediamine and two water molecules. The distance of 3.4987 (11) Å between the centroids of neighbouring parallel aromatic rings of aminonaphthalenesulfonate anions suggests the existence of  $\pi$ - $\pi$  stacking.

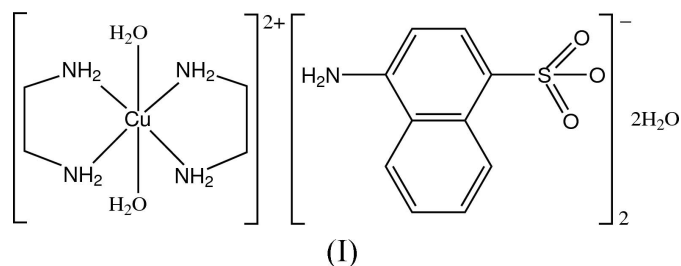
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## Comment

The sulfonate anion usually acts as a counter-ion in metal complexes (Chen *et al.*, 2002). As part of an investigation of the coordination ability of the sulfonate anion, we present here the crystal structure of the title compound, (I).

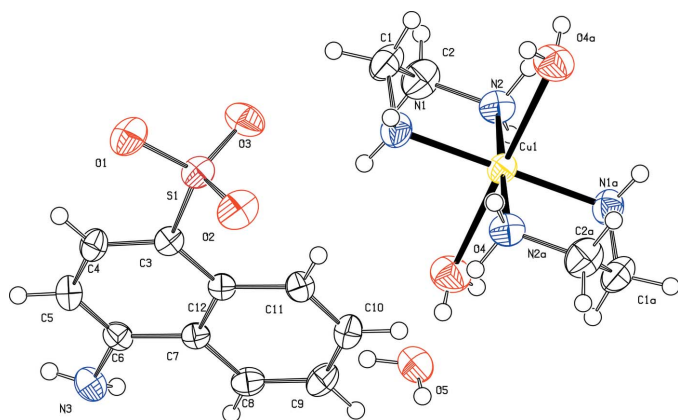


The crystal structure of (I) consists of  $\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}$  complex cations, 4-aminonaphthalene-1-sulfonate anions and solvent water molecules. The structure of (I) is shown in Fig. 1. The  $\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}$  atom, located on an inversion centre, has a distorted octahedral coordination geometry, formed by two ethylenediamine (en) and two coordinated water molecules. The  $\text{Cu}-\text{N}$  bond distances in the equatorial plane agree with those found in another  $[\text{Cu}(\text{en})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]^{2+}$  complex (Cai, Chen *et al.*, 2001; Cai, Feng & Hu, 2001). The axial  $\text{Cu}-\text{O}$  bond distance is much longer than the  $\text{Cu}-\text{N}$  bond distances in the equatorial plane, as a result of the Jahn-Teller distortion (Table 1).

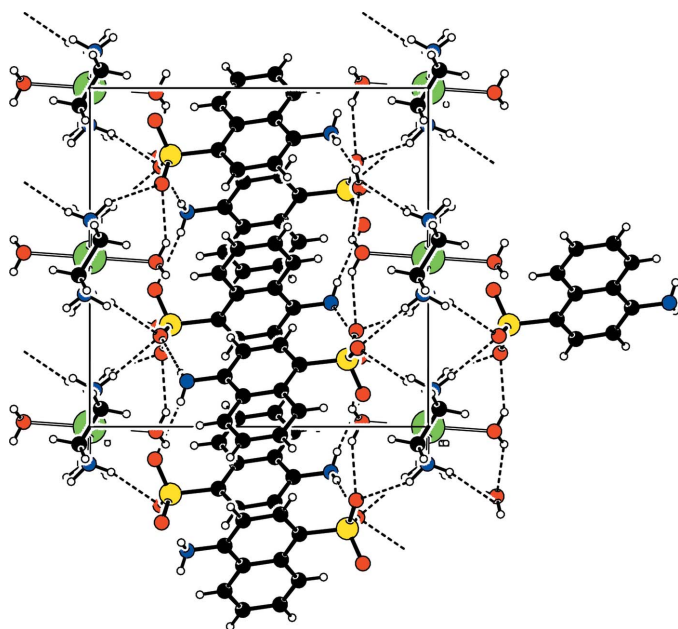
An extensive hydrogen-bonding network occurs in the crystal structure of (I) (Fig. 2 and Table 2).  $\pi$ - $\pi$  stacking is observed between neighbouring parallel naphthalene rings, the distance between centroids being 3.4987 (11) Å for C3- and C8<sup>vi</sup>-containing rings [symmetry code: (vi)  $1 - x, -y, -z$ ].

## Experimental

Ethylenediamine (0.12 g, 2 mmol) was added to an aqueous solution (20 ml) of  $\text{CuCl}_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (0.17 g, 1 mmol). After the mixture had been stirred for 2 h at room temperature, the solution was mixed with an ethanol solution (10 ml) of sodium 4-aminonaphthalene-1-sulfonate tetrahydrate (0.32 g, 1 mmol). Blue single crystals of (I) were obtained after one week.



**Figure 1**  
The molecular structure of (I), with 50% probability displacement ellipsoids [symmetry code: (a)  $-x, -y, 1 - z$ ].



**Figure 2**  
The packing, showing  $\pi$ - $\pi$  stacking and the hydrogen bonding (dashed lines).

#### Crystal data

[Cu(C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>8</sub>N<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>]  
(C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>8</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>S)<sub>2</sub>·2H<sub>2</sub>O  
 $M_r = 700.28$   
Monoclinic,  $P2_1/c$   
 $a = 12.4376$  (9) Å  
 $b = 9.5950$  (7) Å  
 $c = 12.4375$  (9) Å  
 $\beta = 90.03$  (1)°  
 $V = 1484.28$  (19) Å<sup>3</sup>  
 $Z = 2$

$D_x = 1.567$  Mg m<sup>-3</sup>  
Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  
Cell parameters from 4417 reflections  
 $\theta = 2.3$ – $28.1^\circ$   
 $\mu = 0.94$  mm<sup>-1</sup>  
 $T = 292$  (2) K  
Block, blue  
 $0.26 \times 0.26 \times 0.18$  mm

#### Data collection

Bruker SMART CCD area-detector diffractometer  
 $\varphi$  and  $\omega$  scans  
Absorption correction: none  
9813 measured reflections  
3382 independent reflections

2836 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   
 $R_{int} = 0.053$   
 $\theta_{max} = 27.5^\circ$   
 $h = -9 \rightarrow 16$   
 $k = -12 \rightarrow 11$   
 $l = -16 \rightarrow 16$

#### Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.037$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.120$   
 $S = 1.08$   
3382 reflections  
236 parameters

H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement  
 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0743P)^2]$   
where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$   
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{max} = 0.001$   
 $\Delta\rho_{max} = 0.39$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
 $\Delta\rho_{min} = -0.48$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>

**Table 1**

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

Cu1—N1	2.0323 (19)	Cu1—O4	2.437 (2)
Cu1—N2	2.0119 (19)		
N2—Cu1—N1	84.30 (9)		

**Table 2**

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D-H \cdots A$	$D-H$	$H \cdots A$	$D \cdots A$	$D-H \cdots A$
O4—H4A <sup>i</sup> ···O1	0.81 (3)	2.18 (3)	2.899 (3)	148 (3)
O4—H4B <sup>i</sup> ···O5 <sup>i</sup>	0.77 (3)	2.24 (3)	2.888 (3)	142 (3)
O5—H5A <sup>ii</sup> ···N3 <sup>iii</sup>	0.87 (3)	2.03 (3)	2.875 (3)	162 (4)
O5—H5B <sup>ii</sup> ···O1 <sup>iii</sup>	0.77 (4)	2.13 (4)	2.877 (3)	165 (5)
N1—H1A <sup>iv</sup> ···O1 <sup>iv</sup>	0.95 (3)	2.27 (3)	3.143 (3)	152 (2)
N1—H1B <sup>iv</sup> ···O2 <sup>i</sup>	0.88 (2)	2.51 (3)	3.327 (3)	155 (2)
N2—H2A <sup>v</sup> ···O2	0.86 (2)	2.37 (3)	3.155 (3)	153 (2)
N2—H2B <sup>v</sup> ···O5 <sup>v</sup>	0.92 (3)	2.06 (3)	2.967 (3)	173 (3)
N3—H3A <sup>vi</sup> ···O3 <sup>vi</sup>	0.78 (2)	2.33 (3)	3.100 (3)	170 (2)
N3—H3B <sup>vi</sup> ···O2 <sup>vii</sup>	0.80 (2)	2.59 (3)	3.381 (3)	169 (2)

Symmetry codes: (i)  $x, -y + \frac{1}{2}, z + \frac{1}{2}$ ; (ii)  $-x + 1, y + \frac{1}{2}, -z + \frac{1}{2}$ ; (iii)  $x, y + 1, z$ ; (iv)  $-x, -y, -z + 1$ ; (v)  $-x, y - \frac{1}{2}, -z + \frac{1}{2}$ ; (vi)  $-x + 1, -y, -z$ ; (vii)  $-x + 1, y - \frac{1}{2}, -z + \frac{1}{2}$ .

The water H atoms and amine H atoms were located in a difference Fourier map and refined with the restraints  $O-H = 0.82$  (5) Å and  $N-H = 0.86$  (5) Å, and  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.5U_{eq}(\text{carrier})$ . H atoms on C atoms were placed in geometrically idealized positions and refined in riding mode, with  $C-H = 0.93$  or  $0.97$  Å and  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}(C)$ . We attempted to solve the structure with orthorhombic space groups but obtained no reasonable solution.

Data collection: *SMART* (Bruker, 2000); cell refinement: *SAINTE* (Bruker, 2000); data reduction: *SAINTE*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXTL* (Bruker, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXTL*; molecular graphics: *SHELXTL*; software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL*.

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